

Fire Station Building Committee – Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday December 10th, 2020

Time: 4:00 PM

Place: City Webex

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Agenda:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call by Chairperson.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 12th, 2020.
3. Temporary Fire Station Subcommittee report, and next action steps.
4. Presentation by Neil Joyce and Dennis Ross regarding costs of the Project.
5. Continuing discussion on Committee presentation before City Council for additional funds for appropriation.
6. Set next meeting date.
7. Vote to go in to Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property at Main Street and Coombs Avenue if the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.
8. Adjourn.

Called to order at 1600hrs.

Roll Call of Members Present: Chair Person Singer, Butch Hawkins, Gregg Diefendorf, John Andrews, Carole Collins, Steve Drakulich, Herb Forgey, Liz Gilman, Amy McMahan, David Moscaritolo, Chief Strahan, Jennifer Stromsten, Jean Wall, Mayor Wedegartner, Marlo Warner, Fernando Fleury, Katrina Pacheco, Dennis Ross, Adam Champagne, OPM Neil Joyce

Motion by Jean 2nd by Jennifer to accept minutes for November 12th 2020 meeting. Motion carries.

Temporary Fire Station Update:

David M – Going to distribute the timeline from Dennis Ross, the drawings are about 80% complete and the RFP is being prepared. The RFP will give us more flexibilities for more bidders and pricing. By Dec 16th the RFP should go out for the bunk unit and apparatus bays will follow, should begin to get bids back early Jan.

Neil – First week in Jan is last week for Questions, with submittals due back by Jan 21st.

David M – We have established a subcommittee to the subcommittee to review the bids and then we will present them to the subcommittee with recommendations on Feb 8th and a presentation to the full committee Feb 11th. We expect to make a bid award by end of Feb and

have these being delivered beginning in April. We are on track to be completed for June/July timeline.

Reports from Neil and Dennis:

Dennis – We have geotechnical engineering lined up and we'll be asking if it makes more sense to do full borings or test pits for the due diligence period, we'll know more by tomorrow. Have reached out to the civil engineer to see if they'll want to be there for the same time. We have someone in the office that can take hazmat surveys for the site, that will happen next week. Ill know around Monday if I'll need the DPW with a backhoe.

Mayor – I'll need a timeline for the owners of what, where, and when we'll be on site and what were testing for prior.

Dennis – We are not testing the buildings so they are demolishing them?

Mayor – Yes they are.

David S – Just so everyone is aware this is concerning the permanent location and the exercising the due diligence period of the sale agreement.

Neil – Project sill at 17M. At the request of the fire chief we were ask to do an analysis of placing the fire station permanently at the hope and prospect st parking lot. The cost would be increased by 2-2.5M for stabilizing the banks and surrounding properties and overall would not yield a desired result and also require the identification of a new temporary location.

Butch – Could you identify the costs vs the soft costs of the temp location.

Neil – The hard costs of the temp location are the lease of the structures, the utility connections, and any thing you can touch on the building. Soft costs are OPM Fees, Professional Fees, testing, furniture, fees and permits.

David S – what you described is what equals the 1.9M

Neil – That I believe equals 1.7M

David S – The chief has described that there is many things that can be moved from the existing station to the temporary station.

Neil – Yes there's a great deal of things that can be moved to save us some money, every dollar spent on temp takes away from the final building.

David S – You were speaking about Hope St earlier is there some question about it being a viable solution for the temp?

Mayor – There was a city councilor that had inquired why it wasn't being used for a permanent location.

David S – Ok so were still considering it a site for the temp and it will work.

Neil – Yes as far as I'm concerned it's a perfect location for the temp.

Funding :

David S – There are three things happening over the next six days. The council will be taking public comment tomorrow night regarding the station borrowing. I'm hoping all of us will be available to at least be on that meeting. There is a ways and means meeting on Tuesday which will be a question and answer session. Then Wednesday will be the vote of the full committee. Chief what is the stance of the fire fighters stepping up to the mic tomorrow or Wednesday?

Chief – As a department we generally sway away from speaking at meetings concerning projects however this is a once in a lifetime build that directly affects them and I believe that there will be much of them on the meeting and several that will speak. The Union leadership is prepared to speak to support the project. Peter is working today so I won't speak for him, he's been on calls so if he joins us later he can speak to that.

David S – The Wednesday will be at 7pm. I'm not positive what the agenda will look like but it will include the final vote on the project.

Next Meeting:

David S – With the holidays and the New Year, are we comfortable with meeting the second Thursday of January?

Mayor – I think that would be fine, folks may be asked to come together earlier if something comes up that need to be dealt with regarding the site.

David M – Our next meeting is on the 11th of Jan for the temp location.

David S – Ok, so we'll meet the second Thursday, December 10th.

Executive Session:

Motion by Butch Hawkins, 2nd by Mayor to enter Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property at Main Street and Coombs Avenue as the Chair has declared that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body. Without returning to regular session. Motion carries unanimously by roll call vote.

Meeting adjourn at 1629hrs

Executive session to begin at 1645